



The contest which is to take place October 24 and 25 between Prince Hall Lodge, No. 14, and Eureka Lodge, No. 5, promises to be far more exciting than the contest of last year. Both of the lodges are well officered with young men whose abilities in the ritualistic work of the order has been demonstrated to the satisfaction of all. The contest is to be on conferring of the first degree, and it is to be hoped and expected that every Mason will avail himself of the opportunity of seeing this work as presented by each of these lodges. While it is regretted that Bro. Ellis W. Brown, the Master of Eureka, will not be able to fill his position in the contest, yet it is admitted that Bro. H. J. Davis will prove a formidable opponent to those desiring to wrest the jewel now held by Eureka. Bro. Fred Henry, Master of Prince Hall, is known and has done excellent work in every subordinate lodge in our jurisdiction, and with the able support of such men as Brothers Joiner, Warfield, and Haines, we are unable with any degree of certainty to predict where the jewel will go. Nothing has done more than the contests of recent years to bring out the hidden beauties of the three symbolic degrees, and it is to be hoped that the day is not far distant that no brother will be elected Master who will not consent to enter these annual contests, if for no other purpose than to have his officers become proficient in the ritualistic work of our order. Go it, Eureka! Go it, Prince Hall! Let the jewel go where it will. You will nevertheless be the two banner lodges of the year 1901.

There is \$100 at this office to be placed against \$75 that Eureka holds the jewel this year.

It is claimed that Dick Jones raised that delicate child, Brother Dan Steward, of Widow's Son. I doubt it. Speak out, Brother Jones.

The prize waltz by Sir Knights John P. Turner, Dan Steward, Richard Jones, Julius Warren, with their ladies, at 9 p. m. sharp at Irving's Hall October 2.

Past Eminent Commanders George Newman and Paul R. Steward, with Simons Commandery, will attend the entertainment at Irving's Hall October 2.

Social Lodge will celebrate their seventy-sixth anniversary October 24 at the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church. Dr. D. P. Seaton will deliver the anniversary sermon.

While reading this issue of the Masonic Column ask yourself the question, whether you have paid Brother Cooper your subscription. I will not wrong, cheat, or defraud a brother knowingly, so pay up.

I called upon the Deputy Grand Master, W. H. J. Malvin, and wife on Tuesday; found him very sick, but with the attention given by a devoted wife he has much improved. Call and see him at the Alabama Flats.

No, sir! The Great Pythagoras Lodge, No. 9, of which Past Masters J. A. Bamfield, J. W. Pitts, J. L. Johnson, R. L. Pendleton, and J. T. Beason are members, did not enter the contest last year, will not enter this year, and not next year, if either Prince Hall or Eureka enters.

After the Grand Visitations during the month of November a night will be selected on which the craft and friends will be invited to the presentation of the jewels to Past Grand Master Henry Coleman and Lenard C. Bailey, raised by the popular subscription of 10 cents.

Special notice—All Commanderies, Chapters of R. A. M., and Order of Eastern Star, Courts of Heroines of Jericho, and Blue Lodges are expected to assemble at Irving's Hall, 410 D street southeast, Wednesday, October 2, 1901, at 8 p. m., for the purpose of being entertained by the Mount Calvary Club of Ladies.

Will you kindly give me the names of the Senior and Junior Grand Wardens of our jurisdiction? The Senior Grand Warden is Brother Brooks Burr, of John F. Cook, and the Junior Grand Warden is Charles H. Dean, of St. John's Lodge. I am not surprised at

your ignorance, for I do not believe one of these Grand officers have visited a subordinate lodge outside of their own this year. It is to be hoped that these two brethren will visit our lodges and give us the benefit of their Masonic knowledge.

Gethsemane and Simons Commanderies came together at the Asylum on Friday night last and held a joint installation. The officers of the two commanderies were installed by Past Right Eminent Grand Commanders L. H. Wayne, John N. Dorster, John W. Freeman, and the Eminent Commander of Simons, Sir Paul R. Steward. These Sir Knights very impressively rendered the ceremonies of installation. The following were the officers installed: Simons Commandery, No. 1—Eminent Commander, Sir Henry Coleman; Generalissimo, Sir Henry C. Irving; Captain-General, Sir J. W. Hutchinson; Prelate, Sir J. F. N. Wilkerson; Senior Warden, Sir J. D. Howard; Junior Warden, Sir W. S. Fulton; Recorder, Sir J. H. Smiler; Treasurer, Sir M. H. Robinson; Standard-Bearer, Sir E. Snowden; Sword-Bearer, Sir Abraham Slaughter; Warder, Sir H. P. Jackson; Guard, Sir David Chase.

Gethsemane Commandery, No. 3—Eminent Commander, Sir R. W. Tompkins; Generalissimo, Sir James L. Johnson; Captain-General, Sir Walter J. Abrams; Prelate, Sir William H. Grimshaw; Senior Warden, Sir H. D. Pryor; Junior Warden, Sir C. H. Thompson; Recorder, Sir John L. Hickman; Treasurer, Sir Samuel H. West; Warder, Sir Alexander Walker. After the installation the commanderies closed and all repaired to Sir Knight Irving Hall's, where a sumptuous banquet awaited them, served by Sir Knight Liverpool. While at the banquet table the following Sir Knights spoke upon the proper steps to be taken for the advancement of Chivalric Masonry in our jurisdiction: Sir Knights S. H. West, Lewis H. Wayne, John N. Dorster, R. W. Tompkins, J. W. Freeman, and Paul R. Steward. Over this banquet table the glittering steel blade of each Sir Knight touched and mutual pledges were made that henceforth the ranks shall close up and shoulder to shoulder they will march under the banner upon which is emblazoned "In hoc signo vinces," never crying halt until our jurisdiction becomes second to none in the United States.

### The J. B. Parker Fund.

To the Public:—The committee selected by colored citizens at their meeting on the 10th instant beg permission to again call the attention of the public to the heroic action of James Benjamin Parker in his effort to save the life of our lamented late President, William McKinley, over whose remains the last sad rites have been performed, and to ask a renewal of contributions to the fund to be given to this colored hero as a public testimonial of appreciation of his patriotic conduct.

By his prompt and vigorous action he gave expression to the loyal love of the colored people of this country for the Nation's Chief Magistrate, thereby setting an illustrious example to all American youth; and at the same time gave medical science its opportunity to save, if possible, the life of this great man to the Republic.

The committee begs that contributions be sent as heretofore suggested to The Post The Star, and The Times to be by them transmitted to Mr. Parker. Committee:—William H. H. Hart, William H. Richards, Alexander C. Garner, Mary Church Terrell, Henry E. Baker.

### An Enterprising Woman.

Mrs. M. A. Thornton, a successful business woman of Cincinnati, Ohio passed through the city last week. She had intended to visit the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo, but the assassination of the President, cut her visit short. Mrs. Thornton supports five students at Tuskegee, Ala., all adopted children, and takes an active part in the National Business League and all other organizations which have for their purpose the advancement of the race.

### THE GRAND FOUNTAIN.

## United Order of True Reformers.

ORGANIZED January 1, 1881.

Office 604, 606 and 608 N. 2nd St., - - Richmond, Va.

An order devoted to the interests of its members, both in their home and business relations. We offer you an opportunity for gilt edged business investment, in enterprises owned and controlled by the Order and managed by colored men, who are members of the Order.

If you are sound in health and mind, of good moral character, not younger than three (3) years nor older than sixty (60) you are eligible to membership. There are two Fountains, the Subordinate and the Rosebud.

#### SUBORDINATE FOUNTAINS.

To join the Subordinate Fountain you must be between 14 and 16 years of age. You pay \$4.60 to \$6.60 (according to age,) as joining fee. If you live in the country you pay 35 cents per month as dues; if in the city, 50 cents per month. You pay as taxes 80 cents per month.

As Sick Benefits you receive from \$6.00 to \$9.00 per month, in weekly payments.

As Death Benefit, your family receives \$75.00 if you die within a year. After one year the Death Benefit is \$125.00.

#### ROSEBUD FOUNTAINS.

To join the Rosebud Fountain you must be between 3 and 14 year of age. You pay \$1.00, either cash or by installments. The monthly dues are either 15 or 25 cents as Fountains may decide. The annual tax is 10 cents. You receive as Sick Benefit from \$1.50 to \$4.00 per month, in weekly payments.

As Death Benefit, your family will be paid \$24.50 if you die within a year. After one year the Death Benefit is \$37.

In the INSURANCE DEPARTMENT, there are Three (3) Classes:—Class J, Class E, and Class M. All dues are payable annually or quarterly.

In Class B, the age limit is 14 to 60 years. Fee, \$2.50 to \$4.25. Annual dues, \$4.75 to \$7.60. The Certificate is valued first year at from \$100 to \$33. After one year, its value is \$200 to \$65.

In Class E, the age limit is 14 to 55 years. Fee, \$5 to \$6.50. Annual dues, \$9.50 to \$11.40. The Certificate is valued first year at from \$250 to \$175. After one year its value is \$500 to \$300.

In Class M, the age limit is 14 to 50 years. Fee \$11 to \$13.50. Annual dues \$21 to \$25. The certificate is valued from date of issue at from \$1,000 to \$700.

You are entitled to a Life Membership in either of the Fountains or in Classe B and E upon purchase of the required amount of Bank stock, which pays a dividend annually of 20 per cent.

The Grand Fountain United Order of True Reformers has paid up to July 29, 1900, a total of 3782 Death Benefits, with a grand total of \$521,264.75, over a HALF MILLION DOLLARS.

THE BANK.—In our Savings Bank the Order has a sound and flourishing institution that is a credit not only to the Order but the race as well. It began business April 3, 1889. The capital stock is \$100,000. The business is the same as that of any other regularly constituted bank, and is surrounded by the same safeguards. The stock sells for \$5.00 a share to members, and pays 20 per cent. dividends. Both time and demand deposits are received and 4 per cent. interest is paid on time deposits. The following is a copy of the Cashier's report to Auditor of Public Accounts of Virginia at close of business Sept., 5, 1900 and shows its flourishing condition:—

#### RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts .....	\$8,272 80
Other stock, bonds and mortgages .....	164,423 83
Due from National Banks ...	48,383 22
Banking House .....	14,000 00
Other real estates .....	99,588 00
Furniture and Fixtures .....	6,850 00
Current expenses and taxes paid .....	1,388 99
Specie, nickels and cents ...	12,399 80
Paper currency .....	35,820 00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>391,120 84</b>

#### LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in .....	88,125 00
Surplus fund .....	80,957 81
Undivided profits .....	6,826 80
Demand certificate of deposit .....	96,786 29
Time certificates of deposit .....	118,424 74
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>391,120 64</b>

The Reformer's Grocery and Feed Store is located at 501 North Sixth St., Richmond, Va., and members of the Order and the public generally are saved 20 per cent. on the cost of food products.

THE REFORMER is the newspaper published by the order from its own office in Richmond, Va. It stands for the voice of the people, representing co-operation and combination of the race and is the Beacon Light, the Headlight, the General Messenger and the General Agent of the Brotherhood. It is \$1.00 per year. A well-equipped job office bids for the work of the people, which is turned out in first class style and at low prices.

Six miles from Richmond, in Henrico County, Va., the Order has purchased 634 acres of land, and established thereon an "Old Folk's Home." With unexampled liberality and broad-minded generosity, the Order does not limit entrance to this home to its members alone, nor even to members families, but the doors are opened to the aged and decrepit of the whole race, regardless of their residence or connections. The Order makes itself the trustee for this glorious charity, and calls upon the whole people, black and white, North, East, South and West to assist by their contribution the carrying out of this praiseworthy idea. April 3rd of each year is set apart as a Grand Rally Day for the Home. Contributions can be forwarded to the cashier of the Reformer's Savings Bank, who will send receipt for same and account for it to The Grand Fountain.

Members of the Order and the public, when visiting Richmond, Va., are invited to stop at The Hotel Reformer, 900 North Sixth St. It is in a pleasant and desirable location. Service is of the best and rates are reasonable.

The Real Estate Department manages and controls all property interests of the Order. The Order now owns 13 buildings, 4 farms, 4 cowllings, 1 ho with a fee simple value of \$122,500. In addition to these the Order leases buildings.

For any further information, address

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